& World's Fair Formally Opened

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now divides into the following fourteen states and territories: Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Kansas, Colorado, Nebarska towa, Minnesota, North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana.

In the fore part of 1898 an editorial was published in a St. Louis paper to the effect that the centennials of the great events in the history of the United States were not all over and predicting that the greatest was yet to be held—the centennial of the ac-quisition of the Louisiana Territory. This editorial was taken up in the press and commented upon, resulting in organized agitation by the Missouri Historical society. The clamor for a commemorative centennial become so general that, in response to strong public sentiment, Governor Stevens, of issued a call for a convendelegates representing states and territories embraced in the 1-ouisiana Purchase territory, to be held in St. Louis on Jan. 10, 1899. The convention was attended by ninety-three delegates appointed by the respective governors, and it was unanimously voted to hold an exposition. International in its scope in St. Louis, The convention extended an invitation to the United States government to as-sist in the enterprise, and appointed an executive committee, with Hon. David R. Francis as chairman, and also a committee of fifty representative citizens of St. Louis, to co-operate in the matter. Plans were devised for raising money to build the exposition ouldings and defray the general exthe amount paid for the territory. Should be raised, one-third by private Subscription, one-third to be paid by the city and one-third to be asked from the United States government.

The committee was increased in membership to 200, and work immedi-ately begun. Congress passed a bill June 4, 1962, promising government support and \$5.000,000 appropriation If the citizens of St. Louis raised \$10. 000.000. On Jan. 12, 1901, it was anpounced that the St. Louis popular subscription list, by the sale of stock reached \$5,000,000, and on Jan. 30, 1901, an ordinance was passed by the Municipal assembly authorizing the isspance of city bonds to the amount of \$5,000,000. The hill appropriating 15 000,000 was passed by the House of Penresentatives on Feb. 3, and the Sum of \$15 000,000 was assured. Pres-ident McKinley immediately signed the bill and on March 12, 1901, appointed the National commission of nine members. It was then decided to Officers were elected, the company

was incorporated and the site for the Exposition was chosen in Forest Park a vast natural park in the southwestfelled some hills were leveled, the course of the River Des Peres which can through the park was in part changed, and the mammoth enterprise was under way, by the time that, on August 20, 1901, President McKinley sned a proclamation adressed to all nations of the world and extend-them an invitation to participate on the World's Fair. Acceptances re-telved indicated the official participa-Con of nearly all the civilized governments of the world.

The site was made ready, embracing 1940 acres of ground practically an great two miles long and one mile wife requiring six miles of fence to en-flore it. The World's Columbian Exhe Paris Exposition in 1900 occupied 36 acres, the Pan-American at Buffalo 360 acres, the Centennial at Philadelphia 236 acres, and the Trans-Mis-dissiput at Omaha 150 acres. The Chiago Exposition buildings covered a (otal of 200 acres, while over 250 acres ire covered with buildings at the

Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

The main exhibit palaces at St. Louis have under roof 128 acres. Those at Chicago covered 82 acres, at Bufalo 15 acres, and at Omaha nine acres

As the time passed and the Exposi-ion increased in magnitude the enislasm of the project correspondingly increased. Additional appropriations for the erection of buildings and exhibts were made by the United States government; Missouri alone appro-printed \$1,000,000; foreign nations in-Creased their original appropriations and asked for larger allotments of space for their exhibits, and the Exposition was practically re-planned on the most liberal basis. It finally became apparent that the immensity of the enterprise would preclude its com-pletement and formal opening to the world on the date originally appointed, April 30, 1903, and the time was ex-cended one year and officially an-

On April 30, 1903, twenty months after the first stake for the location of the exposition buildings had been officials of the Exposition com-Some of the smaller buildings rected, most of the large been complet-

and to collect and rush forward the eservoir for fire protection of the exhibits to be installed from the four the work to a fininshed termination.

At the opening, excepting in a few

minor details, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition stands practically com-pleted at a cost of almost \$50,000,000.

The United States government's total appropriation amounted to \$7,063,360, and in addition the government recently loaned to the Expession tion company \$4,609,000, making a total of \$11,662 000 secured from the national government. The state, muni-cipal and other appropriations of this cuntry made a total of almost \$7,000,000, and to this is added the \$10,

Exposition was expended by the other nations of the world.

No previous exposition has had a world. The athletic arena constructed more beautiful site. The Chicago Exposition had Lake Michigan stretching into the distance as a background, but leature is the Aerial Tournament, in formed by shallow valleys, involving andscape features embraced by no previous Exposition, and surrounding

great palaces ,arranged in fan-shape in their location. Surmounting a hill, and 200 feet from the top of the building to the level of the exposition crounds below, stands Festival Hall, overlooking the Cascade Gardens. These three cascades are the largest waterfalls ever constructed, and nine-y thousand gallons of water a minute pour down in three magnificent tor-ents, at night being illuminated by electricity. At their bases stretches he lagoon which winds its way hrough the main portion of the exposition picture and traversed by gon-lolas. The Cascade Gardens are semiircular in form, sloping gradually from Festival Hall to the main level of he grounds. Each side of this cresent shaped hill is flanked with a wide tairway, and its crown surmounted Colonnade of states. The Court of Main open to the public until sunset. The Court of At night myriads of electric lighting rance to the lagoon, containing monuments typically commemorative of the outside of which to be the containing monuments typically commemorative of the outside of which to be the containing month of the containing months and visitors will be permuted to the containing months and visitors will be permuted to the containing months and visitors will be permuted to the containing months. ineter, surmounted by the statute of berty, facing the city of St. Louis, period.

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The main portion of the Exposition grounds is occupied by the ten large whibit palaces, as follows: Liberal arts, Mines and Metallurgy, Manu-actures, Education Varied Industries, Purchase Exposition Pulls Ham of Louisi. Rectricity, Transportation, Machinery, Agriculture and Horticulture. In addiion to these, is the group of perman-ent, stone structures erected for the lon to these, is the group of permanent, stone structures erected for the
display of art at a cost of \$1.014,000,
ocated at the rear of the Cascade
Gardens behind Festival Hall; The
Vashington University buildings in
he western part of the grounds which Vashington University buildings in he western part of the grounds which ost \$1,000,000 and are utilized by the Exposition until its close when they vill be turned over to Washington University; the Forestry, Fish and lame Building, and the buildings of he different governments of the

In the eastern portion of the grounds re located all the state buildings, the lissouri state building standing on he brow of the plateau and overlookng the main portion of the grounds

The Administration building, in which is located the offices of the offi lais, constituting it the seat of the exposition government, is the suilding in the Washington University troup and is located on the top of a jentle rise of ground overlocking the Exposition from the west,

Skirting the northern boundary of he Exposition for almost a mile, is the Street of Concessions, lined on both sides by buildings containing various attractions, erected at a total cost of \$5,000,000 by concessioners. This street has been officially termed "The Pike," and corresponds to the Midway

of the Columbian Exposition. A striking and beautiful feature of the Exposition is the Fioral Clock, with a dial one hundred feet in diam eter, and hands fifty feet long, which correctly notes the time. Another at tractive feature is the Rose Garden, six acres in area and containing 50,

of the exposition buildings had been driven on September 3, 1991, the Exposition stood over half completed, and on that day was officially dedicated to its memorial purpose by the President of the United States, Theodore Roose the United States The following countries have erectndia \$20,000; italy, it than Japan, 60,000; Mexico, \$25,000; Morocco, 20,000; Nicaraugua, \$20,000; Siam, 25'000; Sweden, \$20,000; the Nether-Machinery Hall and tation building, two on the grounds, had enced, and Mexico had a national pavilion on the grounds.

The property Hall and tation building, two or ments made elaborate displays, but only the countries noted above have erected pavilions.

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France has erected a replica of the ceremonies former Grand Trianon, of Versailles, a mageveland also part. nificent villa erected by Louis XIV for unique epoch in Madame de Maintenon and one of the little States when favorite places of residence of the mer president of first Napoleon. The Versailles Garlassisted in cere. one are also reproduced in all their te of a national beauty.

In the southwestern portion of the

every effort was made it hurry the ingo, on the banks of a large artificial work of completion of the Exposition, lake. This lake will also serve as a

exhibits to be installed from the four quarters of the earth. In the Exposition grounds the force of 5,000 workmen was constantly augmented until 20,000 were daily engaged in rushing the work to a finished termination. stands the reproduction of the home of Thomas Jefferson, and in further com-memoration of President Jefferson the orps of uniformed Exposition quards re known as the "Jefferson Guards."

Thirty-five miles of asphalt, mac t dam and gravel roads traverse the Exposition grounds, and the intrinural ouble tracked railway quickly con veys visitors wherever they may wish o so throughout the crounds.

A feature never before attempted on so grand a scale in previous exposi-ions is the holding of atheric games 000,000 from St. Louis and her citizens, and contests. One of the greatest at The balance of the total cost of the ractions during the World's Fair will Exposition was expended by the other be participated in by famous athletes

'he St. Louis Exposition is bordered which air-ships of various kinds will by verdant hills and charming vistas ontest over a designated course.

A Press building has been erected or visiting newspaper men. It is ocated near the Manufactures Buildthe main picture as a vast natural ng, and is a comfortable home-like amphitheatre. The architecture of this universal varandas. Here may be found all the Exposition is majestic in the great ficilities which the newspaper or white exhibit palaces, historical in the magazine writer may desire, books of foreign and state buildings, and universally cosmopolitan and unique in and magazines of the world and all oncession structures.

The main picture comprises ten departments of the Exposition.

Throughout the grounds at various places have been erected emergency hospitals with corps of physicians and attendants, who can quickly be sum-moned to take care of visitors who may be suddenly taken ill or meet with accidents.

During the Exposition period a day has been set apart for each state, and designated as that particular state's day. The same plan is carried it with respect to many of the large ational organizations.

In Festival Hall is installed the largest pipe organ in the world and re-itals and concerts will be held at inervals throughout the exposition

The Exposition gates open at o'clock in the morning and the large ndustrial palaces at 7 s'clock to reouisiana Purchase, chief of which is oy the exposition antil 11.30 c'click, ouisiana Purchase Monument, when the gates will be closed. The he Louisiana Purchase Monument, when the gates will be closed. The 100 feet high with shaft 17 feet in di-exposition will not be open on Sun-meter, surmounted by the statute of neriod.

erritories formed from the Louisiana hours to interfere with sightseeing, Purchase, which are located at the On December 1, seven months after ther end of the Court of Honor, in the opening, the exposition will have Sestival Hall, one of the most ornate passed into history as probably the

> OFFICIAL HYM OF LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION.

The following hymn, written upon in vitation of the Exposition management

HYMN OF THE WEST. World's Fair, St. Louis, 1904. O Thou, whose glorious orbs on high Engird the earth with splendor round,

rom out Thy secret place draw nigh The courts and temples of ground; Eternal Light,

Fill with Thy might These domes that in Thy purpose grew. And lift a nation's heart anew!

lumine Thou each pathway here, To show the marvels God hath wrought Since first Thy people's chief and seer Looked up with that prophetic Looked up w

Bade Time unroll The fateful scroll, And empire unto Freedom gave From cloudland height to tropic

wave. oured through the gateways of the

Thy mighty rivers join their tide, nd on the wings of morn sent forth
Their mists the far-off peaks divide.
By Thee unsealed,
The mountains yield

Ores that the wealth of Ophir sham And gems enwrought of seven-hued

Lo, through what years the soil hath

At thine own time to give increasehe greater and the lesser grain. The ripening boil the myriad fleece! Thy creatures graze Appointed ways;

'hou, whose high archways shine most Above the plenteous western plain, Thine ancient tribes from round the

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sphere
To breathe its quickening air are

And smiles the sun To see made one Their brood throughout Earth's greenest space, Land of the new and lordlier race! -EDMUND CLARENCE STEDMAN

Opening Prayer at St. Louis Fair

REV. F. W. GUNSAULUS SELECT ED FOR THE HIGH HONOR.

Act in the Opening of the World's Greatest Exposition.

St. Louis, April, 30.-Rev. F. W. Gunsaulus in the presence of 50,000 people, offered the opening prayer at the Fair grounds today. The Rev.

"Almighty God, Author of all good who art from all eternity unto all eteralty, we pause upon this glad and inspiring moment where an hundred reolding years are met, and we offer Thee our praise and prayer. We humble ourselves and yet we exult in Thee today as we implore Thy spirit divinely to open the gates of his our festival and prosper it with holy guidance, remembering that ours s the unchanging God. We celebrate he significance of far-reaching events We sshall, here, day by day, rehearse the story of uncounted transforma-tions. O. Thou eternal Love and Light, stay us and guide us, who art the same vesterday and fortime or the startling movement of events, while we pray for the life and good of the president of these United States and all others in authority with him. We perceive not how weak is man when we implore Thy blessing upon the officers of this Cen tennial celebration and upon their work. Only when we are sure that Thou, who will protect and guide them, dids't aforetime succor and lead our fathers on their way, do we grateully recognize that the continuity of American history is in the life and purpose of God as revealed in the protress of man, and that in Thee we have the future as in Thee we had the nast. For this we adore Thy great and holy name, and make mention of Thy goodness and power. nember gratefully the days of old. We thank Thee for those silences and solitudes, well nigh eternal and in-faite, in which God wrought in naturt! manners here creating a measure-less opportunity and advantage in coll and sky, river and rock, and climate—a challenge for the hand and hearts which should meet an naster the nascent energies and builommonwealths in these new realm or the glory of God and the good

whaustible, how worth'ess are flas' ng ores and hidden straams withounan Thy servant and child, vicereges f Thyself made kingly by Thy proonce and grace to subdue and tran hank Thee for our fathers and or nothers who by Thy good spiri wrought righteousness, while the deposed the mouths of wild beast uenched the violence of even prair tre rocked their children to sleep wi wolf's how! shivering the qu' light, overcame the savage and t' estilence, conquered poverty, turns-ilderness into gardens, and tran-ormed hot deserts into fields wher-'com the rose and cornflower and silver. The little one has becom thousand and the small one a strong The wilderness and the ary place have indeed been glad for hem. Verily, the Lord hath basten of it in His time. Make us worthier ouch fatherhood and motherhood nd because we shall henceforth serv nore devoutly their God who is also our God, we lift up our eyes, on this 'sy at least, to the hills whence ometh our help. Giad is our thanks riving, fervent our praise, but quick consciousness of our short-comings and our iniquities. By the same might with which Thou hast led and protected, spare us and pardon. From our greed and foolish pride, from our fear of men and our faithfulness to Thee, we appeal to Thee through Him who suffered for all our sins. May no splendid events of our history hide from us Thy righteonaness revealed betimes in flame and thunder. Clouds and darkness have indeed been round about Thee, at times in our history but ever justice and judgment have been the habitation of Thy throne. We have sinned against Thy command-ments, and lo! Thou hast done great and good things for us and wonderful. Thou hast blessed us in basket and in store and planted in the midst of the garden of our growth the tree of Life, which bears twelve manner of fruits whose leaves also are for the healing of the nations. When we have nost offended against Thy holy law. League after league across the land
The ceaseless herds obey Thy hand.
The ceaseless herds obey Thy hand. pray Thee, from our sine and for-ve, renewing in our fresh vision of us Christ the assurances of Thy pardon. Farewell the past; welcome the fature, O, our King! May we not

fail Thee, O. Thou God of nations, to the truth which shall lead us to seek devotion, even from Gethsamane to lalvary of self-sacrifice, so that we hav follow the uncrowned holiness. om glory unto glory. Accustom us to bear success.

since Thou hast called us to tasks so first the Kingdom of God that in the sublime and hast spread every ban- light and for purposes thereof all triuet with hands of love and for the icher triumph of Thy kingdom in and trough the governments of men. To his end may we have that righteous ass which, coming from above, is life to feet the tilled soil, all fruits of the tilled soil, all tamed tides of ocean all sons of hand ses which, coming from above, is life and hope. Then our youth shall be reewed like the eagles; we shall mount into wings; we shall run and not be eary; we shall even walk and not be aint. Give us the ennobling expectation that as our God hath commanded ur strength because of the very greaters of our way in the past even so hall he lead us on from enterprise to receive the answer, the words he has taught us to say when we pray;

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